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Thanks Rick.

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Colleagues,

We were just notified that the IG is going to begin its investigation next Tuesday 18 Aug. This will include interviewing employees (including BUE). We do not know at this time who will be interviewed, but it is highly likely that Region 8 BUE will be interviewed. Our local union has requested to send a representative to the site (Durango) to represent those BUE who invoke their Weingarten rights. Due to the impact on the response it would have to recall our employees back to Denver, we are going to agree to send a union representative from Region 8 to Durango on Monday.

I tell you this because we don't know if the IG will end up interviewing BUE from other regions. My LER is contacting Karen Kellen to request that the R8 union rep be allowed to represent other regions AFGE employees if they invoke their Weingarten rights. I will let you know if Karen agrees to this. I do not know if any of the non-R8 regional personnel are non-AFGE BUE. If there are, we will have to figure out how to handle that. I would appreciate it if you could check to see if you have any non-AFGE BUE deployed to the response and let me know.

Thanks.

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